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MEETING MINUTES -DRAFT
 Open Space Committee

Meeting Date: February 1, 2012

Prepared by: Joey Glushko

Present: Ann LeRoyer, Chair; David White, Joey Glushko, Patsy Kraemer, Elizabeth Karpati, Jane Auger, Lisa Decker

Absent: Leslie Mayer, Michele Hassler, Teresa DeBenedictis

General

- January meeting minutes were unanimously approved as amended.
- The format of the January 2012 minutes (presented by Lisa Decker) will be the preferred format for future meeting minutes; this suggestion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

Annual Report

The Annual Report was e-mailed by the January deadline to WebMistress Joan Roman.

Downing Square

- Lisa Decker reports that it is possible that a small amount of land will be added to this project; details of the determination were not available. David White expressed concern about parking on the west side of Park Ave. associated with the design; he will send his comments directly to TAC. Lisa will keep the OSC informed if there is any new information.

Mill Brook Linear Park Planning

- Joey Glushko reported that this topic was not addressed by the ARB in January, due to other items before them. Joey will approach Planning Dir. Carol Kowalski regarding how the Committee could best proceed regarding Mill Brook planning initiatives.

Open Space Plan

- The OSC has decided to postpone any work on the plan, as we don't know what State guidelines will be at the time. It is anticipated that the updating will complement the Master Planning process.
- It was recommended that we start thinking about the updates for the OSRP, which should be compiled during 2013-2014.

Updating the 'Walking the Open Spaces of Arlington' Booklet

- David White and Ann LeRoyer are actively working with a subcommittee of the Conservation Comm. We discussed options for formatting and linking potential for web availability.

Miscellaneous Project Reports

- Busa Farm – The Lexington Board of Selectmen will again be discussing the land use(s) for the Busa Farm area at their meeting of 1/30/2012; at this time, no new information to report.
- Reservoir and Habitat Garden – David White reports that the Reservoir Committee is developing their plans for spring efforts; among the considerations is fencing.
- Mystic River Watershed Association Rain Garden Committee Meeting –This group began its public outreach Jan. 17; they discussed the function and structure of rain gardens and requested participants to look for possible options for locating one or two rain gardens in the community. Recommendations should be sent to MyRWA.
- Wright Locke Farm – No new information to report.
- Symmes open space planning - The OSC discussed the various open space components that are part of the new Symmes plan. Brian Rehrig (of the Arlington Land Trust) is working with the ARB and the Conservation Commission's Nathaniel Stevens to ensure that all conservation restrictions are in place for the new agreement. The total restricted land acreage will increase in the new plan. These discussions remain on-going.
- ALT Annual Meeting focused on potential open space use(s) for the Mugar Site.
- Park and Recreation Commission – discussing future recreation needs; these might include kindergarden play areas associated with the elementary schools.

Next Open Space Committee Meetings: March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6
Meetings are in the Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.